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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a one-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, said period of response being extended from September 14, 2006 to October 16, 2006 (October 14, 2006 is a Saturday).

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Respectfully submitted,

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